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Dear Interested Party:

On October 30, 2006, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca Field Office issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record (DR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzed the Ashdown Project Sylvia Mine, Humboldt County, Nevada. The Ashdown Project consists of a proposal from Golden Phoenix Minerals, Inc. (GPMI) to reopen a molybdenum mine ten miles southwest of Denio Junction. The mining operation would remove 120,000 tons of ore and 40,000 tons of waste rock, and is expected to produce about 700 tons of ore per week over approximately five years. The constructed mill facility on private land has been permitted through the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

The BLM received substantive comments from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) during the 30-day public comment period that ended on July 6, 2006. The concerns of NDOW have been addressed and added to the EA as stipulations to mitigate the possible impacts to certain resources.

The Final EA, FONSI, DR, 43 CFR 3809 decision letter, and § 3715 use and occupancy decision letter can be reviewed online at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/NEPA/default.htm> or at the BLM Winnemucca Field Office. Hardcopies are also available upon request.

If you do not agree with and are adversely affected by any of these decisions you may file a Notice of Appeal (See attached form 1842-1, September 2005).

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Scott Richey, Surface Protection Specialist, or Lynn Harrison, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, at the BLM Winnemucca Field Office at 775-623-1500 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Nonrenewable Resources

Attachment